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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: T. KAWAHARA, et al.  
Application No.: 09/932,099  
Filed: August 20, 2001  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
Art Unit: 2116  
Examiner: T. W. Chen

**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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Sir:

This Submission is an Amendment being filed in connection with a RCE (Request for Continued Examination), which is further to the filing of the Notice of Appeal on December 20, 2005, and is responsive to the outstanding final Office Action, dated June 20, 2005. (A RCE Transmittal along with a Petition for Extension of Time covering the third month extended time period for filing this Submission and an authorized credit card payment form covering the fee amount directed thereto are enclosed.) Please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Claims; and**

**Remarks are included following the amendments.**